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| For: | Semiconductor Device Having A Wiring Layer Of Damascene Structure And Method For Manufacturing The Same |))) | |

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 30, 2004. Applicants hereby elect Group I in response to the restriction requirement.

Applicants next elect Species V, relating to Figures 6A-6E, relating to the election requirement.

These elections are made without traverse.

Claims 1-4 and 10-15 correspond to Species V.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected invention. Please charge any fee associated with the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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